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# Briefing Schedule

10:00 – 10:10 AM

## **Welcoming Remarks / Introductions**

James B. Donovan, Minister Counselor  
USUN Host Country Affairs

10:10 – 10:25 AM

## **Courtesies of the Port (Arrivals)**

Office of the Chief of Protocol, Washington D.C.

10:25 – 10:55 PM

- **Port Authority of NY/NJ**- Airport Operations, Private Flights, Airport Access
- **Port Authority Police Department (PAPD)**- Motorcade Staging Areas, Parking

10:55 – 11:15

## **Diplomatic Aircraft Clearance**

Office of Global Programs and Initiatives  
Washington, D.C.



# Briefing Schedule (Continued)

11:15 – 11:35 AM

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**  
**CBP – Newark International Airport**  
**CBP – John F. Kennedy International Airport**

11:35 – 12:00 PM

**U.S. Secret Service Dignitary Protection**

12:00 – 12:15 PM

**Airport Escort Screening Departure Courtesies**

12:15 – 12:35 PM

**Other Federal/City Agencies**

12:35 – 1:00 PM

**Questions and Answers/Conclusion of presentation**

1:00 PM

**Reception – Express Bar**



# Port Courtesy (Arrivals)

U.S. Department of State  
Office of the Chief of Protocol

# What is a Port Courtesy?

- A *Port Courtesy* or *Courtesy of the Port* is a request to provide expedited clearance on arrival into the United States for senior-ranking foreign government officials.
- Port Courtesy requests are managed by the Office of the Chief of Protocol in coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- A Port Courtesy is only provided to the individual(s) traveling on **official business** to the United States. Port Courtesies are not provided for personal travel.
- Port Courtesies are initiated by the Foreign Embassy/Mission and are administered at the **FIRST** international arrival port in the United States. Domestic flights do not require/receive port courtesy assistance.



# Who is eligible for a Port Courtesy?

- Chiefs of State/Heads of Government (and their traveling parties)
- First Ladies/ Spouses of Chiefs of State/Heads of Government
- Former Chiefs of State/Heads of Government (and their traveling parties)
- Cabinet Ministers/ Secretaries (and their traveling parties)
- Deputy Cabinet Ministers/ Deputy Secretaries (and their traveling parties)
- State Ministers/Secretaries
- Members of Royal Families
- Members of Parliament/Congress
- Governors
- Chiefs of Missions *accredited to the United States*
- Chiefs of Missions *designated to the United States*
- Spouses of Chiefs of Missions *accredited to the United States*
- Permanent Representatives to the United Nations *in New York*
- Permanent Representatives *designated to the United Nations in New York*
- Highest Judicial Tribunal Justices (and their traveling parties)
- High-Ranking Foreign Military Officers not posted to an Embassy or Consulate
- Other High-Ranking Officials as designated by the Chief of Protocol

**\*\* Please note, children flying separately from the qualifying dignitary are not eligible for Port Courtesies. \*\***

# Port Courtesy Deadlines

- **A request for Port Courtesies must be submitted a minimum of THREE (3) business days in advance of the arrival date.**
- Port Courtesy requests should be submitted:
  - Mondays – Thursdays: by **4:00PM** Eastern Standard Time (EST)
  - Fridays: by **3:00PM** Eastern Standard Time (EST)
  - Requests submitted on weekends or holidays will be processed the next business day.
- If an unexpected arrival occurs with less than three business days, the Embassy/Mission is encouraged to reach out to Office of the Chief of Protocol to confirm receipt.
  - Weekdays/Normal Business Hours (8:30AM-5:00PM): Port Courtesy Desk Line: **202-647-4074**
  - Weekends/After Normal Business Hours: Port Courtesy Duty Cell: **202-997-4923**
  - Alternatively, send an e-mail to the Port Courtesy Inbox: [PortCourtesies@state.gov](mailto:PortCourtesies@state.gov)
- **The Office of the Chief of Protocol cannot guarantee any requests submitted less than THREE (3) business days in advance of the arrival date.**



# Prior to Arrival

1. Ensure each member of the delegation holds the correct passport with the correct visa type.
2. Submit a Port Courtesy request, listing the high-level dignitary, support staff, media (if applicable), and security officers, a minimum of three business days in advance of the *arrival* date.
3. If applicable, submit a US-VISIT exemption request a minimum of three business days in advance of the *arrival* date.
4. Properly declare all equipment, agricultural products, and/or negotiable monetary funds using an active ATA Carnet; thus ensuring the information listed on the Carnet is reflected in the physical items entering the United States. The Carnet must be certified by the Customs and Immigrations Department of the host country prior to entering into the United States.

# US-VISIT Exemption

- The US-VISIT Exemption exempts visitors on unofficial B1/B2 or I visas from having their biometrics taken at the port-of-entry (POE).
- To qualify, the traveler must be part of an delegation that is led by the **head of state or head of delegation** but also part of an **official delegation consolidated motorcade facilitated by U.S. government agencies, such as DS or USSS.**
- Individuals who are traveling with diplomatic visas, such as **A-1, A-2, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, or NATO-1 through NATO-6** already have the fingerprinting requirements waived.
- This does not exempt the travelers from requiring a visa to enter the U.S.
- Missions should submit a request for US-VISIT exemption via email to [PortCourtesies@state.gov](mailto:PortCourtesies@state.gov) **at least three (3) business days prior to the arrival.**
- The mission should list name, date of birth, passport number, country of birth, and country of citizenship of each individual for US-VISIT exemption on the US-VISIT exemption spreadsheet.

# Information Required for Port Courtesy Requests

- First, middle, and last names (EXACTLY as they are printed on the passport)
- Official government title
- Date of birth
- Nationality
- Passport type (Diplomatic/Official/Personal)
- Passport number that coincides with the visa in the corresponding passport
- Date/place of passport issuance and expiration
- Visa type and visa foil number

# Private Aircraft Arrivals

- The Fixed Base Operator (FBO) is the private airport located at a commercial airport that will service the aircraft after landing.
- The FBO is very important and must be included in **all** private aircraft port courtesy requests.

## Arrival Flight

U.S. Port of Entry	Arrival Date	Flight Type	Carrier Name	Flight #
LAX - LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	04/11/2015 14:45	PRIVATE		
Aircraft Make	Aircraft Model	Tail Number	Call Sign	Fixed Base Operator
BOEING	747	TONY - 2	FRANCO - 1	SIGNATURE

# Embassy Greeters at Airport Arrivals

- For commercial aircraft arrivals, airports within the United States allow up to two greeters from the Foreign Embassy to greet the dignitary upon arrival. ALL greeters must be listed on the port courtesy document.
- For commercial aircraft arrivals, the greet will occur once the dignitary departs the international terminal and proceeds into the processing area. Please note, each airport is very different and the greeting process can vary greatly.
- For private aircraft arrivals, a maximum of six greeters are allowed to go to the airport to greet the dignitary upon arrival.
- For private aircraft arrivals, the greet will typically occur planeside at the bottom of the stairs.



# Embassy Greeters at Airport Arrivals (Continued)

- Plane-side greets are extremely rare for international commercial aircrafts and must have the approval of CBP.
- For domestic aircraft arrivals, greeters should meet their dignitary in the baggage claim area. There is no greet prior to baggage claim, as the dignitary will not be processed through Customs.
- Greeters, please make sure to report to the CBP at least 30 minutes prior to the arrival.

# Protocol Greeters at Airport Arrivals

- The Office of the Chief of Protocol will greet foreign Chiefs of State and/or Heads of Government arriving into Washington, D.C. only at:
  - Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
  - Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA)
  - Joint Base Andrews (ADW)
  - Union Station (AmTrack Train Arrivals)
- The Office of the Chief of Protocol does not greet dignitaries below the Chief of State/Head of Government level or those arriving to airports outside of Washington, D.C.

# Reminders & Tips

- **A request for Port Courtesies must be submitted a minimum of THREE (3) business days in advance of the arrival date!**
- Please omit honorifics (H.E., T.H., Mr., Dr., H.H., etc.) when completing the name/title of the dignitary.
- If the correct title is not listed in the drop down menu, select “Other” and then you can type the necessary title. For spouses of dignitaries, please clarify “Spouse of Ambassador” or “Spouse of President.”
- Passengers can be grouped together in ONE (1) Port Courtesy request if on the same flight. For example, there is no need to submit separate Port Courtesy requests for different ministers arriving on the same flight.
- Companions and security officers should only be listed once in the Port Courtesy request. Do not list Armed Security Officer in the companion section a second time.

# Reminders & Tips (Continued)

- REMEMBER: the “Remarks” section is for communication purposes only between Protocol and the Foreign Mission. Any information in this section is not sent to CBP, DS, USSS, etc.
- In the “Point of Contact” section, please identify the working level embassy representative responsible for the visit. Please provide their direct number and extension – **not** the main embassy phone line.

# Port Courtesy Contact Information

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**Cell:** 202-997-4923

**E-mail:** [PortCourtesies@state.gov](mailto:PortCourtesies@state.gov)



# The PORT AUTHORITY of NEW YORK and NEW JERSEY

**John F. Kennedy  
Newark Liberty  
LaGuardia & Teterboro  
Airports**

**Private Aircraft, Parking and  
Motorcades**

# Aircraft and Vehicle Parking

Kelly Wood, *Port Authority Operations*

Good afternoon,

The Port Authority looks forward to working with you to ensure the most successful visit of your dignitary.

This year will bring changes that will affect operations at John F. Kennedy Airport such as: reduced number of parking locations for special/private flights, relocation of motorcade staging locations, and the anticipated unprecedented number of chiefs of state, heads of government, and foreign ministers that will visit New York.

As we expect many dignitaries to arrive at and depart from JFK Airport at the same time of day, we cannot emphasize enough that adherence to time schedules and policies will be essential to ensure that your dignitary and accompanying party will not be delayed upon arrival and departure.

# Private Aircraft:

This information is for arrivals and departures and applies to private aircraft both foreign and domestic.

- Due to the high volume of aircraft traffic and reduction of aircraft parking locations, The Port Authority of NY & NJ will strictly enforce the two (2) hour restriction on ground parking for all foreign military and state aircraft. The foreign military or state aircraft must **depart within two (2) hours of arrival** and relocate to an alternate airport for extended parking.



# Private Aircraft

- Overnight parking of foreign military or state aircraft at JFK, EWR, and LGA is strictly prohibited; however, overnight and extended parking will be permitted at Teterboro airport. Only aircraft with a MGTW of less than 100,000 lbs. are permitted at TEB.
- Port Authority Operations will provide a “follow me” vehicle to escort the aircraft to and from the parking site.
- Port Authority Operations will determine all Private aircraft parking locations – contact information will be provided in the Port Authority of NY/NJ section of the USUN online briefing booklet.

# Private Aircraft

- In addition, because many special flights are expected to be on the ground at the same time, a particular parking spot may not be confirmed until a short time before the arrival of the aircraft, and it may be required to be towed into or out of the arrival or departure site.
- Be sure to contact the appropriate Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for the intended airport of arrival to coordinate all ground handling services and airport fees (landing and parking). They are identified in the USUN online briefing booklet.
- Aircraft are required to unload the dignitary/delegation and reposition the aircraft to another airport for parking with this two (2) hour window. Alternate parking locations are identified in the USUN online briefing booklet.

# Special Flights – Same as Private Aircraft with the following additions:

- For the use of an A380 or B747-8, prior permission is required at least 72 hours in advance from Port Authority Operations.
- Certain types of aircraft are prohibited from landing due to size and noise control regulations.
- Make sure to file flight plans for all departures by contacting 1-800-WXBRIEF (1-800-992-7433)

# Commercial Flights

This information is similar for arrivals and departures:

Due to heightened security measures at JFK Airport, arrangements for greeting will be made in accordance with federal and airport requirements. For all flights there is a strict limit of two (2) greeters.

# Vehicle Parking at John F. Kennedy International Airport

- Many dignitary arrivals and departures do not require special motorcade arrangements, except for parking.
- If your representative is not under protection and you wish only to park your vehicle(s) in order to pick up your dignitary, **do not park in front of the terminal, go directly to the parking lot!**



# John F. Kennedy International Airport Exempt Parking Information

- Diplomatic vehicles be exempt from parking fees at Terminal parking lots provided that :
  - The vehicle bears U.S. Department of State Diplomat license plates,  
AND
  - It is for a period less than 24 hours.

***\*\*Refer to supplement #2 of this presentation for further details.***

# Motorcades

Port Authority Police Sgt. Spollen

# Motorcades

For arrivals into John F. Kennedy Airport, all motorcades for commercial and special flights will form two (2) hours before the arrival at the JFK Parking lot #7. Entrance on 130<sup>th</sup> place and East Hangar Road. This is a change from our previous location.

*\*\*Refer to supplement #1 of this presentation for directions.*

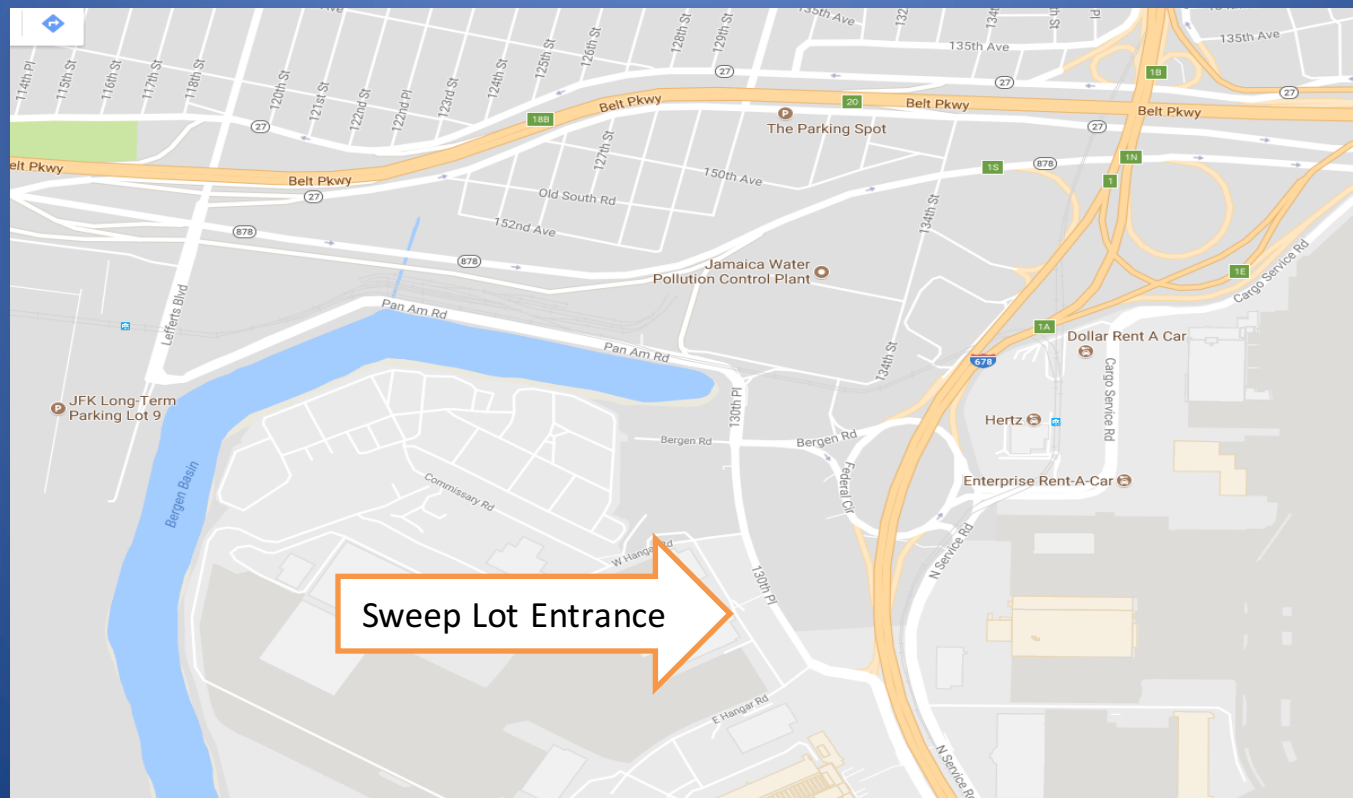
1. Once a car is put into position in the motorcade, it must stay in that place with the driver.
2. The maximum number of vehicles in the motorcade is **ten (10) vehicles**; *this includes the principle limousine and security vehicles.*
3. **Motorcades are limited to two (2) per aircraft.**  
This may be accomplished by using vans or buses for large delegations.
4. When the motorcade has been formed, the vehicles will be escorted to the designated terminal or ramp area approximately twenty (20) minutes before the arrival.
5. For departures from JFK Airport, the motorcade will be met by a Port Authority Police lead vehicle at Federal Circle and escorted to the appropriate terminal or ramp.

# JFK Airport-Supplement #1

## Directions to Motorcade Formation at JFK Airport 130<sup>TH</sup> Place & East Hangar Rd

Van Wyck. Expwy (I-678)

1. Take I-678 South (Van Wyck. Expwy.) toward JFK Airport.
2. Keep right at exit B toward 130th Place
3. Turn left at the first traffic light onto East Hangar Road.
4. The sweep lot entrance will be on your right.



## *JFK Airport - Supplement #2*

Diplomatic vehicles will be exempt from parking fees at Terminal parking lots provided that:

- The vehicle bears U.S. Department of State Diplomat license plates,
- And
- It is for a period less than 24 hours.

It will not be required that the operator present official ID nor that the Ambassador or equivalent be present in the vehicle for the exemption to apply.

Parking lot attendants are aware of the policy. If problems arise, the vehicle operator should ask the attendant and contact the Port Authority parking supervisor to resolve the issue.

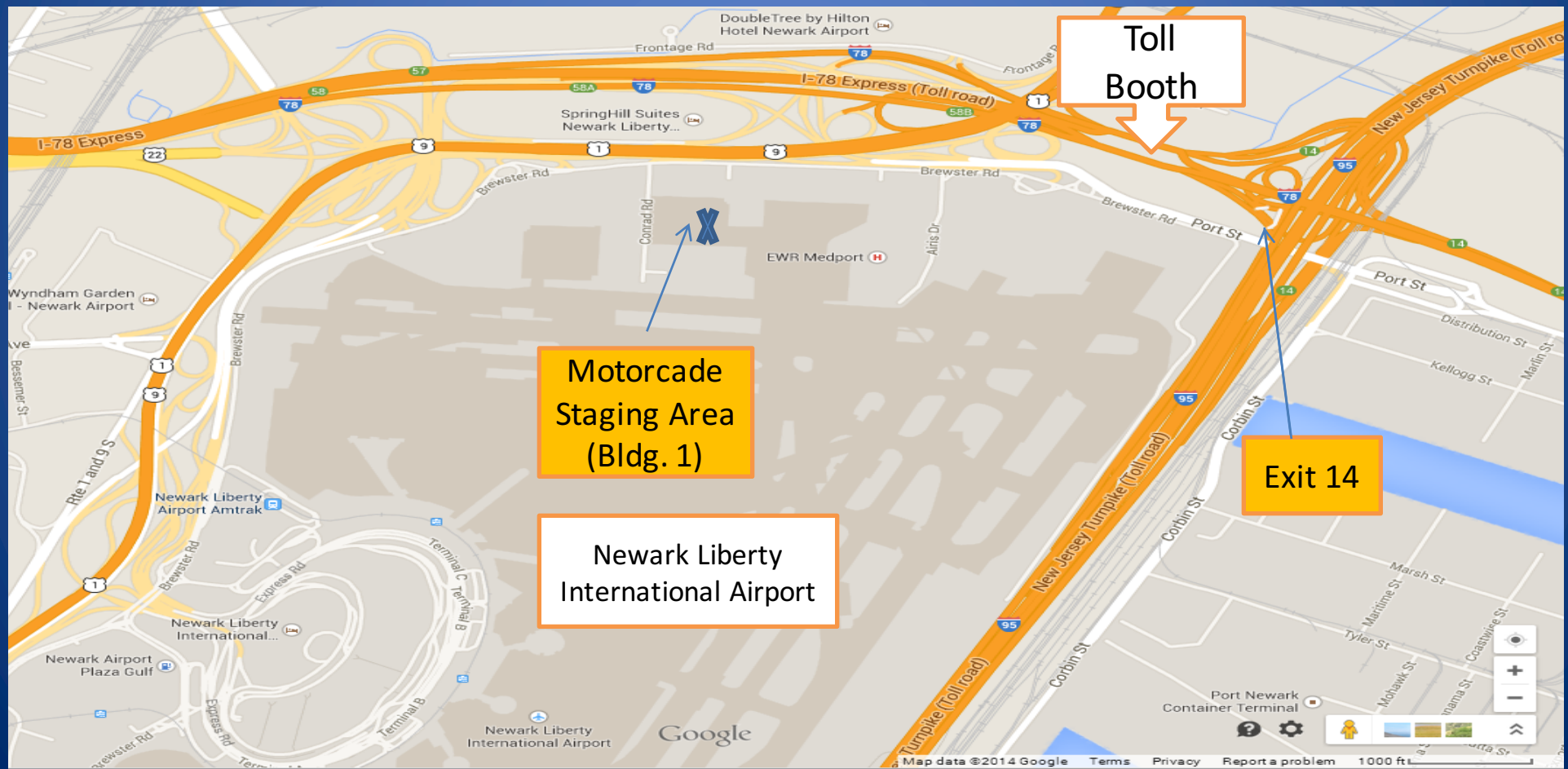
Port Authority Supervisor: 718-244-8158

**\*\*Please note that this procedure does not apply to dignitaries under U.S. Government protection.**



# Newark Liberty International Airport

Motorcade staging area located in front of Building 1 off Conrad Road.  
Departing motorcades are met by PAPD at Exit 14 (near the toll booth) for the New Jersey Turnpike.

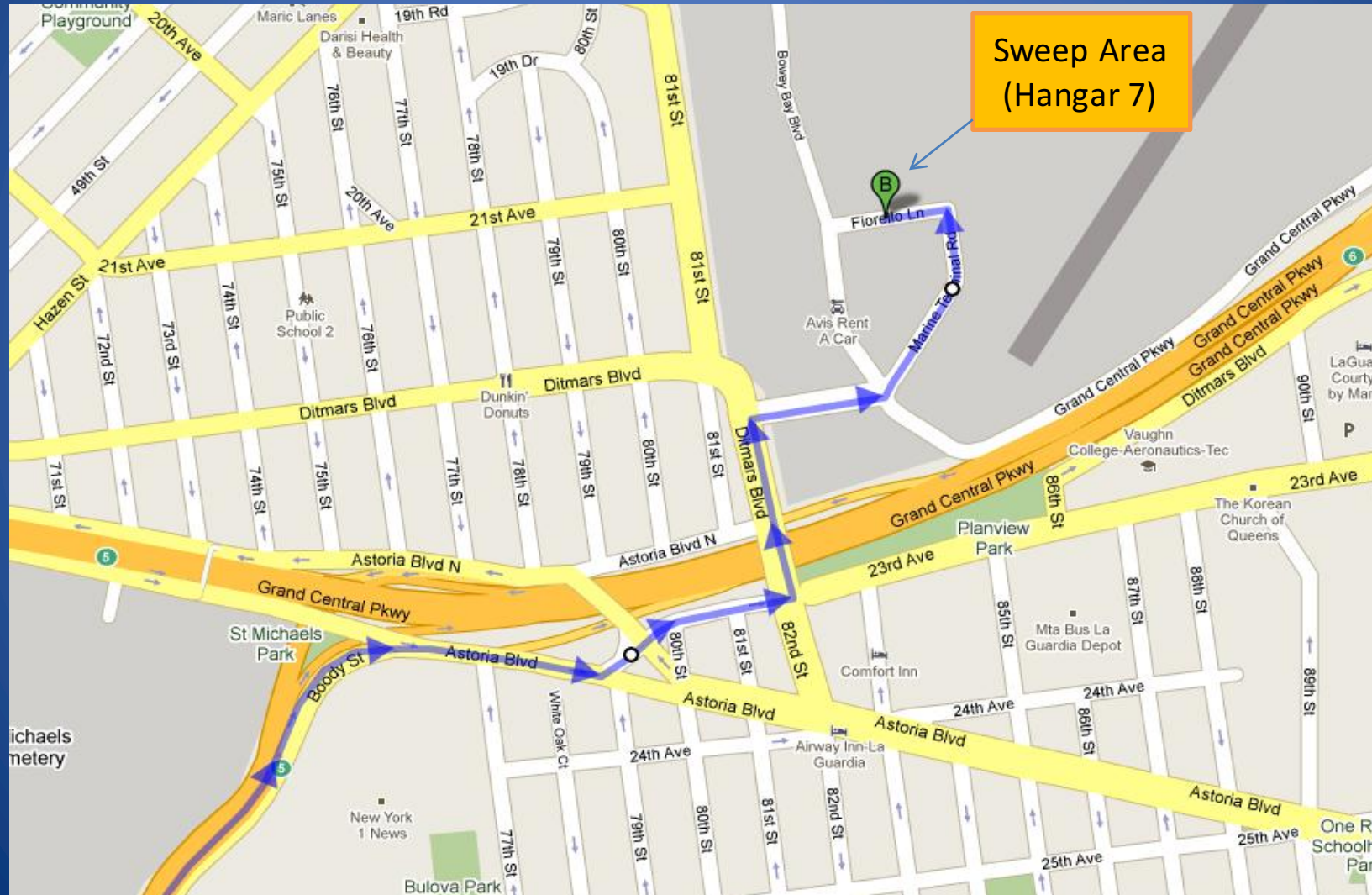


# **LAGUARDIA AIRPORT**

## **Directions to Motorcade Sweep Area**

1. Take I-278 (BQE) East to Grand Central Parkway East.
2. Take exit 5 toward Astoria Blvd./ 82<sup>nd</sup> St./ Terminal A.
3. Take a slight right at Astoria Blvd.
4. Merge left onto 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
5. Turn left at 82<sup>nd</sup> St. (over the GCP)
6. Continue onto Ditmars Blvd.
7. Turn right at light onto Marine Terminal Rd.
8. Turn left at Fiorello Lane.
9. The sweep area is the parking lot on the right hand side, located on the south side of Hangar #7

# LAGUARDIA AIRPORT MOTORCADE SWEEP AREA







# Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances

Arrivals for Foreign State Aircraft  
Presented by: George Renfro



# Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances

## Definition

A diplomatic aircraft clearance is the U.S. Government approval, to a foreign government request, for a foreign state aircraft to enter and operate within the national airspace of the United States (to include overflights of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), in accordance with a specific purpose, itinerary, and aircraft.



# Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances

The Diplomatic Clearance Application System (DCAS), is an online methodology for foreign government diplomatic officials to submit requests for overflight, landing clearances to the U.S. Department of State. These clearances are required for non-U.S. government military/state aircraft (aka “official” aircraft) seeking to over-fly or land in the United States or its territories.





# Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances

- Who needs to request a diplomatic aircraft clearance?
- How to file for clearance
- When to file for Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances?
- Who should submit Diplomatic Aircraft Clearance requests?  
(Embassy or Permanent Mission)
- Port Authority of NY & NJ Aircraft Parking Limitations
- Where to get additional overflight information?
- Obtaining a DCAS Account – <https://DCAS.state.gov>



# Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances

## Department of State, Office of Global Programs and Initiatives: Diplomatic Aircraft Clearance Procedures

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### Diplomatic Aircraft Clearance Procedures for Foreign State Aircraft To Operate in United States National Airspace

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#### A. GENERAL CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Foreign governments seeking diplomatic clearance for state aircraft to transit United States territorial airspace or land must obtain a Diplomatic Clearance Number (DCN) issued in advance by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Global Programs and Initiatives (PM/GPI). A DCN authorizes the aircraft to transit or land in the United States and its territories in accordance with the approved itinerary.
2. To obtain a DCN, foreign governments must submit information to PM/GPI via the web-based Diplomatic Clearance Application System (DCAS). Once the PM/GPI Diplomatic Clearance Officer verifies that all necessary data is provided and that diplomatic clearance is appropriate, the automated system will reflect that clearance has been granted and a unique diplomatic clearance number has been issued.
3. Clearances to transit or land in the Freely Associated States of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, or the Federated States of Micronesia will not be entered in or processed via DCAS. Final approval rests with the applicable host nation. To transit or land in the Freely Associated States, foreign governments must submit a formal request to the applicable host nation for approval. The host nation government will submit a dip note to the U.S. embassy requesting the U. S. government concur, approve, or consult regarding a foreign state vessel. If there is no objection to the request, the U.S. embassy will be informed, which then communicates this to the host nation. Each request must be submitted at least three full business days in advance of the aircraft entering the applicable airspace.
4. Foreign governments seeking to land state aircraft at U.S. military facilities located in a foreign territory do not require a DCN issued by the U.S. government; however, they do require a landing authorization number per paragraph B.5. below.

#### B. AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE LEAD TIME AND VALIDATION

1. *Each foreign mission must submit diplomatic clearance requests via DCAS (<https://dcas.state.gov>) no later than three full business days (72 working hours) in advance of the aircraft's initial entry into the United States.* "Business days" routinely are Monday through Friday and do not include federal holidays when the U.S. government is closed. For an example not involving a holiday, requests for aircraft to arrive in U.S. airspace on Monday at 1300Z hours must be submitted via DCAS no later than the previous Wednesday at 1300Z hours. To facilitate planning, federal holidays observed by the U.S. government in 2018 will be:

<http://www.state.gov/t/pm/iso/c56895.htm>



# Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances (DCAS)

U.S.  
DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE

## DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE APPLICATION SYSTEM



User Name:

Password:

[Log In](#)

[Request an Account - U.S. Government Employees](#)  
[Request an Account - Foreign Embassy Employees](#)

[Request Password Reset](#)

Click here to "Request an Account"

<https://dcas.state.gov>





# Diplomatic Aircraft Clearances



Questions?



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

LaGuardia Airport (LGA)



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Newark Liberty International Airport

All local requests and questions should be emailed to

**[Newark-psrteam@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:Newark-psrteam@cbp.dhs.gov)**

- All requests should be emailed at least 72 hours in advance.
- Maximum of two greeters per flight (regardless of multiple delegations per country on flight).
- Once the delegation is met by CBP, they will be guided through the Immigration and Customs Process.
- All members of the delegation traveling on **Non Diplomatic Visas** are subject to Biometrics Capture unless exempted by U.S. State Department.





# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

John F. Kennedy International Airport

# Commercial Diplomatic Arrivals

- No more than two (2) greeters per flight
- Only travelers with diplomatic class visas (A or G) will be allowed to proceed “over the top”
- Must have a completed customs declaration form
- Have a staff member remain behind to collect all checked baggage

# Private Diplomatic Arrivals

- Complete Manifests listing all passengers and crew
- Manifest should include names, dates of birth, passport, and visa information
- Notify of any changes as soon as possible
- Completed I-94 forms and Customs Declaration forms are needed for all passengers



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

John F. Kennedy International Airport

Phone: 718 553-1648

Fax: 718 553-0043

[PORTCOURTESY-JFK@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:PORTCOURTESY-JFK@cbp.dhs.gov)



# Dignitary Protective Division





# DPD Mission



- DPD organizes and coordinates protection for Foreign Heads of State/Government and their spouses
- Types of Protection: Full Protection, Port Courtesy Only, Modified Port Courtesy
- DPD Identification Section develops disposable types of identification pins and press badges







# Dignitary Protective Division



## Types of Visits:

- State
- Official
- Official Working
- Working
- Private



# Dignitary Protective Division



*We Need  
To Know...*

- Port of Entry
- Flight Details
- Hotel Information
- Accompanied by Spouse





# DPD Trip Identification

LASTNAME  
"TITLE" OF "COUNTRY"

  
SECURITY

  
U.S. & FOREIGN STAFF

  
COUNTRY FLAG

  
U.S. SECRET SERVICE AGENT & SUPPORT LAPELS

  
DS SECURITY

  
TSD SUPPORT

  
DOD COMMUNICATIONS

  
LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

  
GOVERNOR'S SECURITY

  
STATE DEPT. PROTOCOL

  
BLAIR HOUSE STAFF

  
SARGE

PRESS

NAME

LOCATION

DATE

UNIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE

All Secret Service photo identification is considered **PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT** and must be protected from potential misuse. As such, any scanning, copying or reproduction of USSS identification is prohibited and in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701. This information has been deemed **LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE**. Please destroy this document upon termination of assignment.



# DPD Operations

**202-406-7650**

**DPD.OPS@USSS.DHS.GOV**



# Airport Escort Screening Courtesies (AESC) Program for Departures

U.S. Department of State  
Office of the Chief of Protocol



# AESC

## Contact Information

### For UN Missions:

Desk: 212-415-4453 or 212-415-4144

E-mail: [airportescorts@state.gov](mailto:airportescorts@state.gov)

Website: <https://usun.state.gov/about/6632/7435>

### For Embassies:

Desk: 202-647-4503

Email: [escortscreening@state.gov](mailto:escortscreening@state.gov)

Website: <https://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/c69857.htm>

Emails for AESC courtesies should be sent to both email addresses listed above.

# AESC Introduction:

- This interagency program began in 2004 between the Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions, and the Transportation Security Administration. In January 2016, the program moved to the Office of the Chief of Protocol.
- Under the Airport Escort Screening Courtesies (AESC) program, qualifying foreign officials can be assigned a Department of State Airport Escort Officer who is authorized to assist dignitaries with their departure(s) from certain airports in the United States. **We coordinate with TSA for assistance at all U.S. airports.**
- AESC is only provided to the individual(s) traveling on **official business** to the United States. AESC is not provided for personal travel.
- AESC provides unarmed escort to these select eligible VIPs (and their accessible property, i.e. carry-on luggage).
- Requests must come from the Embassy or Mission to the UN.

# AESC Program Briefing

- Eligibility
- Deadlines
- Required Information
- AESC Airports
- Additional Information

# Eligibility Criteria

## Eligible Travelers:

- Cabinet ministers and higher-ranking government officials and select members of royal families
- Dignitaries equivalent to the rank of Cabinet Secretary in the United States
- Accompanying spouse of primary traveler
- Accompanying children under the age of 12 of the primary traveler
- Traveling on **official business** to the United States
- Traveling via Commercial aircraft, not private/chartered flights
  
- *Other than a “First” Spouse, any other spouse or children flying separately from the qualifying dignitary are not eligible for AESC.*
  
- *AESC is only available if the VIP is not already being escorted or under the protection of the United States Secret Service, Diplomatic Security Service, or another protective detail.*

# Eligibility Criteria

- Please note that a country's view of a particular official's rank and entitlement to AESC on departure may differ from the view of the Department of State.
- As the U.S. is providing AESC on departure as a courtesy, the Department of State will determine whether a particular foreign official is entitled to AESC on departure.
- **REMINDER:** Please understand that the Airport Escort Screening Courtesies Program's (departures) eligibility criteria differs from that of the Port Courtesies (arrivals). Because this program requires approval from multiple agencies and involves specialized screening arrangements on behalf of the Transportation Security Administration's Airport security screening process, *we are required to strictly adhere to a pre-established eligibility list.*



# Requesting AESC

- AESC Request Forms must be submitted a minimum of **THREE (3) business days** in advance of the dignitary's anticipated departure date and must include all the required information
- AESC Requests are processed:
  - **Monday – Friday: between 8:00am and 4:00pm (EST)**
  - Any requests or changes that are received **after 4:00pm**, over the weekend, or a holiday will be looked at the next business day.
- This deadline is critical to ensure adequate time to file the necessary paperwork with all the multiple agencies involved in the departure process.
- We **cannot** guarantee that any request submitted less than THREE (3) business days prior to the date of departure will be honored.

# Required AESC Information

- Passport Information (exactly as shown)
  - First, Middle and Last names
  - Title of Official (i.e.: Minister of \*\*\*; Secretary of \*\*\*)
  - Date of Birth
  - Passport Nationality
  - Passport Number
  - Country of Birth
  - City of Birth
- POC Name, Local telephone number and email address
- Complete flight itinerary
  - Airport, Airline, flight number, arrival and departure time

# Required AESC Information

Date of Request:	DATE OF REQUEST	Passport Nationality:	ENTER PASSPORT NATIONALITY
	month/day/year	Passport Number:	ENTER PASSPORT NUMBER
	(Example: January 30, 2004)		
Full Name of Traveler:	NAME OF OFFICIAL		
Official Title:	TITLE OF OFFICIAL		
Date of Birth:	OFFICIAL'S DATE OF BIRTH	Country of Birth:	OFFICIAL'S COUNTRY OF BIRTH
	month/day/year (Example: January 30, 2004)	City of Birth:	OFFICIAL'S CITY OF BIRTH
Point of Contact:*	ENTER NAME OF CONTACT		
Organization:	ENTER MISSION/EMBASSY		
Telephone & Fax Numbers:	Phone:	Extension:	Fax:
After Hours Telephone Number(s):	PROVIDE AFTER HOURS PHONE NUMBER		
E-Mail Address for Confirmation:	ENTER EMAIL ADDRESS		

# AESC

## Participating Airports

- ATL (Atlanta)
- BOS (Boston)
- BWI (Baltimore -Washington)
- DCA (Washington Reagan National)
- DFW (Dallas-Ft. Worth)
- DTW (Detroit)
- EWR (Newark)
- FLL (Ft. Lauderdale)
- HNL (Honolulu)
- IAD (Washington Dulles)
- IAH (Houston Intercontinental)
- JFK (New York Kennedy)
- LAX (Los Angeles)
- LGA (New York La Guardia)
- MIA (Miami)
- ORD (Chicago O'Hare)
- PBI (West Palm Beach)
- SEA (Seattle)
- SFO (San Francisco)

**\*\*Always include the entire U.S. travel itinerary\*\***

**\*\*AESC is for Commercial flights only\*\***

# Expedited Screening

- Expedited Screening is provided at airports where an Escort Officer is not available and for those airports that are not listed as one of the 19 participating within the program.
- We make every effort to afford expedited and private screening to all foreign dignitaries and their accompanying entourage.
- When Expedited Screening is utilized, we will provide appropriate contact information and specific calling instructions.
- Other members of the foreign dignitary's entourage (traveling delegation, embassy staff, Ambassadors) are not exempt from screening. They can be provided with expedited screening if available.



# TSA's Travel Protocol Office (TPO)

- TSA – TPO arranges for expedited screening **only** for U.S. Ambassadors and other members of Congress.
- TSA – TPO can be reached at:  
**[tsa.tpo@dhs.gov](mailto:tsa.tpo@dhs.gov)** or 888-262-2396 or 703-603-1558
- Please be sure to include the following information when making your request:
  - Full name of the traveler
  - Travel dates with full flight itinerary
  - POC with direct contact information to include afterhours phone number

# Additional Information

- We cannot accept requests from Consulate Offices.
- Gate passes and Lounge/Club passes are solely at the discretion of the airline.
- The VIP should carry his/her own hand luggage.
  - Escort Officers cannot assist with overweight baggage fees or number of bags allowed by the airline.
- Escort Officer will arrange a time and location based on airport, airline, departure time, anticipated weather, or special events that may cause more airport traffic than normal
- There are times when an Escort Officer cannot remain with the VIP/delegation.
- Requests should be submitted Three (3) business days before the first departure.
- Separate request forms are required for each eligible traveler.
- As a reminder, AESC differs from Port Courtesies.

# OTHER FEDERAL/STATE AGENCIES Announcements



# Questions?